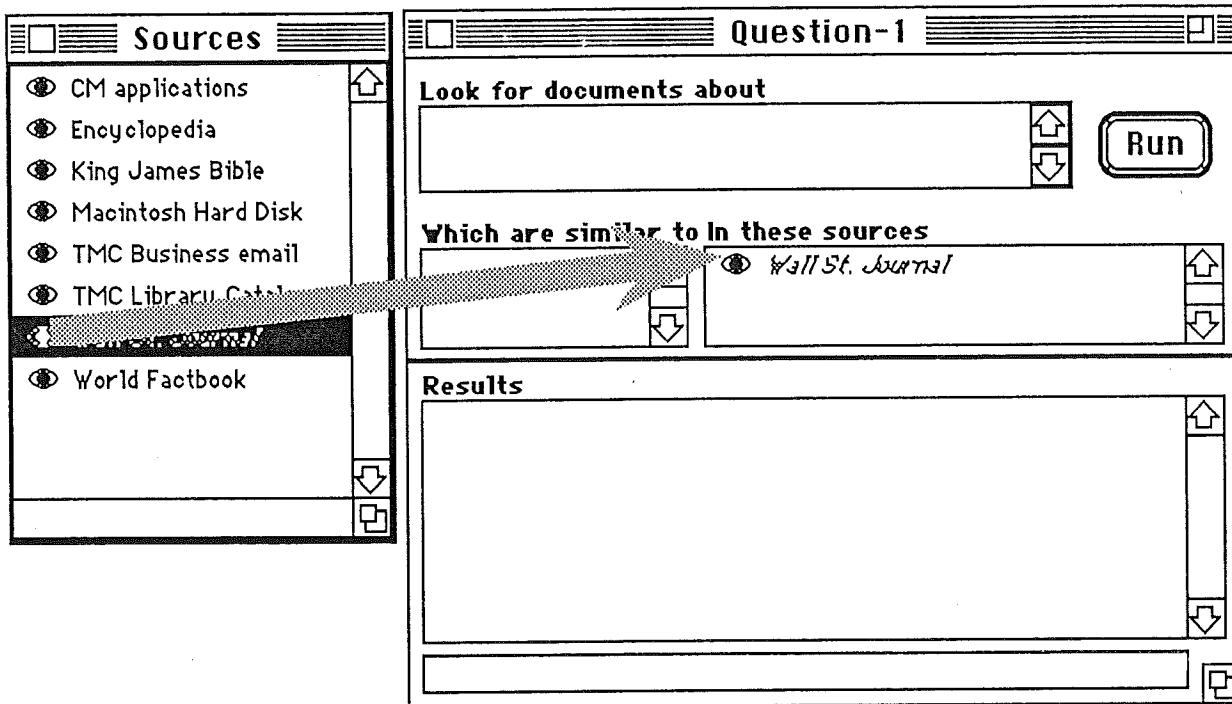


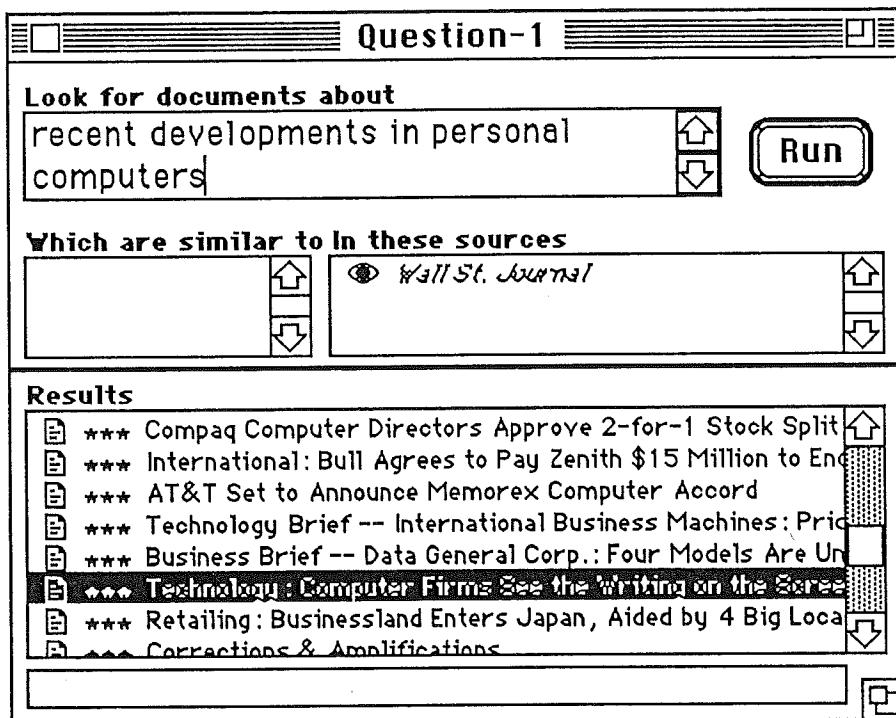
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## Step 1



**Step 1:** Sources are dragged with the mouse into the Question Window. A question can contain multiple sources. When the question is run, it asks for information from each included source.

## WAISstation Step 2



Step 2: When a query is run, headlines of documents satisfying the query are displayed.

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## Step 3

Question-1

Look for documents about  
recent developments in personal  
computers

Run

Which are similar to in these sources  
NYG/5t. Journal

Results

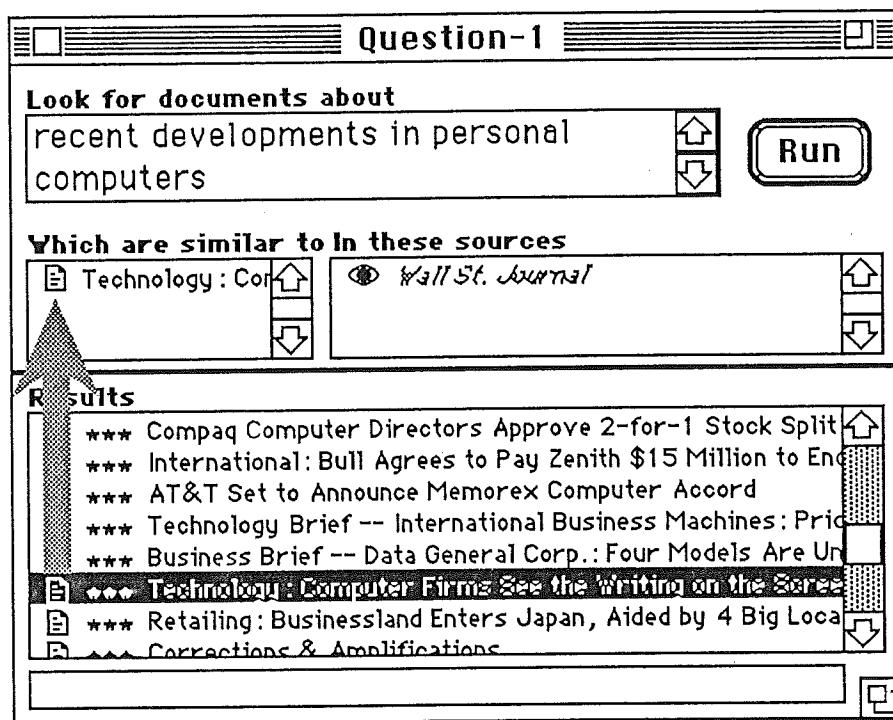
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- \*\*\* International: Bull Agrees to Pay Zenith \$15 Million to Enc
- \*\*\* AT&T Set to Announce Memorex Computer Accord
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Technology: Computer Firms See the Writing

International Business Machines Corp., Apple Computer Inc. and other big computer makers are staking out positions in the nascent market for "note-pad **computers**," small machines that let users enter data by writing rather than tapping keys. The note pads typically recognize numbers and letters printed on a screen with a special pen and convert them into conventional electronic characters. The information is then stored for later transfer to a **personal computer** or a company's main **computers**. The size of the market for note-pad **computers** isn't clear, but Infocorp, a Santa Clara, Calif., market-research firm, estimates the market will grow to 3.4 million units sold in 1995 from 22,000 units this year. Only one company, Tandy Corp.'s Grid Systems unit, currently sells note-pad **computers** in the U.S.; its model, introduced last September, is priced at \$3,000. But new ventures are expected to introduce several note-pad machines this year. And already, big computer makers are fighting quietly for control over software standards for these gadgets, which require different programs from those

Step 3: With the mouse, the user clicks on any result document to retrieve it.

## WAISstation Step 4



**Step 4:** To refine the search, any one or more of the result documents can be moved to the "Which are similar to:" box. When the search is run again, the results will be updated to include documents which are "similar" to the ones selected.

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## Contacting Remote Sources of Information

Corporate Database

Contact	Remote...	Script
Database		
Updated	continuously	
Costs	(.00)	Dollars Per Hour
<b>Description</b>		
Company data including memos, reports, resumes, proposals, manuals, documentation		<input type="checkbox"/> Editable
Contact	daily	at 4:23 AM
<b>Not Contacted Yet</b>		
Budget	(.00)	Dollars
Confidence	(.0)	
Font	Geneva	Size 10

The Source description contains all the necessary information for contacting an information server.